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Editor's Note

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SB 35's Proposed Bureaucracy May Not Result in Much Affordable Housing

The notion that cities are the major impediment to the state's current housing production challenges is the underlying rationale behind SB 35 (Wiener), one of the bills moving in the Legislature this year. However, the measure's proposed solution will likely result in more bureaucratic activity than additional housing.

Action Item, Housing, Land Use, Legislation, Hot Bills

League President Solicits Coastal City Officials to Serve on Coastal Cities Issues Group (CCIG) Leadership Committee

Deadline to Submit Letters of Interest is Friday, May 26

League President JoAnne Mounce is soliciting six elected officials, one from each of the six regions within the coastal zone, to serve on a new Leadership Committee of the League's Coastal Cities Issues Group (CCIG). The League board of directors created CCIG in November 2006 as a forum for cities within the coastal zone to discuss coastal issues and build a relationship with the California Coastal Commission.

Board, Water, Action Item

AB 345 Seeks to Strengthen Local Enforcement Tools for Ordinances and Building Codes

Cities facing challenges enforcing their local ordinances and building and safety codes should consider supporting AB 345 (Ridley-Thomas). This measure increases the maximum permissible fine amounts for violations or infractions of local ordinances and local building and safety codes.

Housing, Meetings and Events, Legislation

Lawmakers Continue to Negotiate Park Bond Proposals

Cities Urged to Support Per Capita Funding for City Parks

Legislators have proposed two measures to place two different park (and water) bond proposals on the June 2018 statewide ballot. While both measures continue to move through the legislative process, Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) and Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) have acknowledged a need to ultimately work together to combine measures into one bill. These measures are AB 18 (E. Garcia) and SB 5 (de León).

Community Services, Parks and Recreation, Grants anf Funding, Revenue and Taxation

League Submits Comments to ARB for 2030 Scoping Plan

Air Resources Board is Currently Reviewing Public Comment for Long-Term Plan

The League of California Cities® recently submitted comments to the Air Resources Board (ARB) on the draft of the 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update. The draft was released on Jan. 20, 2017. Once finalized, this scoping plan will establish a proposed framework of action for California to meet the climate target of a 40 percent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030 compared to 1990 levels. The scoping plan reflects policy measures, regulations, planning efforts, and investments in clean technologies and infrastructure the Administration believes will help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Environmental Quality, Greenhouse Gases, Action Item

Volunteer Judges Needed for Helen Putnam Award for Excellence Program

Apply by May 26

The 2017 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence program applications have been submitted and now it is time to score them to determine who the winning cities are for each of the 11 categories. The League needs your help because the annual award application review process depends on volunteer judges that review and select winning programs.

Helen Putnam, League Partners, Action Item

Bills in Committee May 8 – 15

The Legislative hearing committee schedule is in full swing and Gov. Jerry Brown is expected to release his revised FY 2017-18 budget proposal next week. The League continues to track numerous bills affecting cities. Some hearings, if not all, will be televised. The Senate and Assembly publish weekly television schedules, but audio is always available online. In addition, many hearings are also webcast via the California Channel.

Legislation, Hot Bills, Meetings and Events, Assembly, Senate

BOE Launches Cannabis Information Listserv

The Board of Equalization (BOE) has created a new Listserv for individuals interested in receiving the most up-to-date information about the Adult Use of Marijuana Act of 2016 (Proposition 64) and compliance with the various tax laws associated with the cultivation and sales of cannabis and cannabis products in California.

Public Safety, Marijuana Regulation

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